

National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy

WHEREAS Canada is a Maritime nation, with eight of its ten provinces and all three territories bordering three oceans;

AND WHEREAS Canada has the world's longest coastline and its ocean estate is 70% as large as its land mass, including the 200-mile Economic Exclusion Zone created by the United Nations Law of the Sea;

AND WHEREAS Canada's oceans and seaways are the foundation of many national industries;

AND WHEREAS 42% of Canada's trade travels by sea;

AND WHEREAS the Navy plays a key role in ensuring the safety and security of our territorial waters and those in international trade routes that are threatened by piracy and smuggling;

AND WHEREAS the Navy also provides vital support to humanitarian assistance, search and rescue, and ecological clean-ups;

AND WHEREAS the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy will create a strong and sustainable Canadian shipbuilding industry;

AND WHEREAS the National Strategy will strengthen the Navy's ability to oversee a modern, efficient and well-maintained fleet.

AND WHEREAS Canada's oceans and seaways support national economic growth and security, and therefore need to be protected as a strategic asset;

AND WHEREAS Canada needs a Navy with the capability to protect its interests at home and abroad;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Atlantic Mayors Congress recognizes the need for a National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy to strengthen the Navy's ability to undertake its responsibilities with maximum efficiency and effectiveness in both a combative and non combative role; and

That the Atlantic Mayors Congress supports the adoption and implementation of a National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy for Canada and its Navy.

Removal of Immigration Cap

MOVED by Mayor Woodside, seconded by Mayor Hanson that the Atlantic Mayors' Congress urge the Federal Government to remove the cap on the proposed policy on immigration for Atlantic Canada in order to meet their growth strategies. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.